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MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES IN HEAVY INDUSTRY SECTOR
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether many multinational companies are working in heavy industry sector;

(b) if so, the names of MNCs and details of items produced by them sector-wise;

(c) whether the domestic companies have been adversely affected by advent of MNCs; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to make domestic companies to stay in the competition?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) & (b): There is no formal classification of industries as `heavy` . It is, therefore, not possible to give the required information. However, during the period from 1.8.1991 to 31.10.2000, 18,287 foreign collaboration proposals for investments amounting to Rs.242294.52 crore have been approved for setting up of industries in metallurgical, electrical equipment, transportation, engineering goods etc. The details of such proposals including items of manufacture/activity are published in the monthly news letter of the Secretariat for Industrial Approvals (SIA) which is widely circulated, including to the Parliament Library.

(c) & (d): Performance of companies depends upon a number of factors including financial health, competitiveness, market demand, etc. Government is taking various policy initiatives which inter-alia include rationalization of tariff structure, infrastructure development etc. for improving the performance and international competitiveness of companies.